

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

David PASQUIER

Examiner: Elena Tsoy Lightfoot

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Title: THERMAL INSULATION METHOD, PROCESS FOR PREPARING AN
INSULATING GEL, AND INSULATING GEL OBTAINED

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In response to the Requirement For Restriction mailed August 22, 2008, Applicants hereby elect group I, claims 1-29, drawn to the method for thermal insulation. In response to the requirement for election of species, Applicants hereby elect, for (A) the insulating liquid base, saturated or unsaturated, cyclic or non-cyclic aliphatic hydrocarbon bases (i). As species of gelling agent (B), Applicants elect two functionalized polysiloxanes (ii).

The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed. It is argued, at page 2 of the Office Action, that the inventions listed in groups I-IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. Applicants respectfully disagree with this analysis. PCT Rule 13.1, as embodied in 37 C.F.R. 1.475, teaches that claims to a product (i.e., group III) and processes of using said product, the additional groups, should be maintained together in the same application. Thus, it is submitted that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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